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# Summary

## Purpose

1. The Medical and Dental Students survey 2025 (MDS25) asks higher education providers in the UK to provide data on the intake of medical and dental students in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years.

## Key points

2. This is an annual, UK-wide survey. The Office for Students (OfS) is conducting it on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England (NHSE), the Scottish Funding Council, Medr (Wales's Commission for Tertiary Education and Research) and the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland.
3. Data from this survey is used by the OfS, DHSC and NHSE as an early indicator of medical and dental intakes, including to support DHSC and NHSE workforce planning and to inform monitoring of regulated intakes.<sup>1</sup> For providers in England, the OfS will be using the data to monitor the 'Maximum fundable limits' and to inform funding allocations.
4. The census date for the 2025-26 intake data is **Thursday 9 October 2025**.
5. Higher education providers with joint medical schools or other collaborative arrangements (see Annex A) are expected to submit a single joint return.
6. As part of the government's commitment to transparency, the OfS intends to publish data on both the confirmed 2024-25 and initial 2025-26 intakes on our website.<sup>2</sup> We intend to publish this data for all providers completing MDS25 as official statistics.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Regulated intakes' means the following for providers in:

- England – the 'Maximum fundable limit' for medical and dental pre-registration courses (previously known as the medical and dental intake targets up to 2022-23)
- Scotland – those subject to medical or dental intake targets
- Wales – those subject to limits on commissioned places
- Northern Ireland – those subject to a medical and dental contract full-time equivalent (CFTE) target.

<sup>2</sup> For the equivalent 2024 data on the OfS website, see [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/funding-for-providers/health-education-funding/medical-and-dental-intakes/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/funding-for-providers/health-education-funding/medical-and-dental-intakes/).

<sup>3</sup> For the OfS official statistics release schedule, see [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/producing-statistics/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/producing-statistics/).

## Action required

7. MDS workbooks will be available to eligible providers via email in early October 2025.
8. Completed workbooks must be submitted through the OfS portal no later than **noon on Tuesday 21 October 2025**.
9. **By Monday 10 November 2025:**
  - a. All data verification queries must be resolved.
  - b. The data should be signed off by the provider's accountable officer.

## Changes and clarifications since the Medical and Dental Students survey 2024 (MDS24)

### Changes and clarifications

#### Changes to guidance

International exemptions (applicable for English providers only)

10. We intend to collect additional data on 'exempt' students from the 2025-26 intake. Up to 2024-25, such students were excluded from the MDS survey. But from 2025-26 we will collect data on these students through providers' MDS surveys. However, they will still not be counted against a provider's intake control. We are collecting this information to enable greater understanding on the wider population undertaking pre-registration medicine or dentistry courses in England. See paragraphs 43 to 46 and 63 for more information.

#### Changes to tables

11. In line with the changes set out above, we have amended the tables for MDS25 as follows. These changes will apply to English providers only.

#### Changes to the Medical confirmed intake worksheet

12. We have introduced a new column to collect 'confirmed' data on the first cohorts of Medical Doctor Degree Apprentices which were recruited in 2024-25.

#### Changes to the Medical initial intake worksheet

13. We have amended the column which collected data in MDS24 on the first cohorts of Medical Doctor Degree Apprentices, to now collect data on all students exempt from a provider's maximum fundable limit (either an explicit DHSC exemption, or a Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship intake).

#### Changes to the Dental confirmed intake worksheet

14. There are no changes to the Dental confirmed intake worksheet for MDS25.

#### Changes to the Dental initial intake worksheet

15. We have introduced a new column to collect data relating to intakes subject to an exemption.

### Changes to the MDS summary worksheet

16. We have updated the Confirmed intakes table on this worksheet to set out the reported data on Apprenticeship intakes in 2024-25 (which was included on MDS24 as part of the 2024-25 Initial intakes). This will enable us to continue to exclude these from the assessment of adjustments to grant arising from over-recruitment.
17. We have updated the Initial intakes table to now set out the reported data on 'exempt' students in 2025-26 (replacing the Apprenticeship intakes column from MDS24). This will enable us to exclude these from the assessment of 'adjustments to grant arising from over-recruitment'. This will set out the student numbers reported as 'under an exemption' in 2025-26 from the Medical initial intake and Dental initial intake worksheets.

# Survey details

## Outline timetable for the MDS25 return

18. The timetable for MDS25, and the grant adjustments appeal process for English providers, are summarised in Table 1. **Actions for providers are in bold.**

**Table 1: Provisional timetable for MDS25 and grant adjustments appeal process**

Date	Action	Action applies to
Early October 2025	MDS workbooks made available to providers via email.	All providers
9 October 2025	Census date for 2025-26 intake data.	All providers
<b>21 October 2025</b>	<b>MDS25 submission deadline. A valid MDS25 workbook must be submitted through the OfS portal (no later than noon).</b>	<b>All providers</b>
21 October 2025 to 10 November 2025	Data verification phase.	All providers
<b>10 November 2025</b>	<b>Sign-off deadline. Final MDS25 data must be signed off as correct by the accountable officer as at the census date.<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>All providers</b>
By late November 2025	After verification, providers notified of provisional formulaic full-time equivalent (FTE) adjustments (where applicable) arising from recruitment against their maximum fundable limits, and invited to submit appeals.	English providers only
12 January 2026	<b>Deadline for submission of appeals against FTE adjustments arising from over-recruitment against maximum fundable limits.</b>	<b>English providers only</b>
By end of February 2026	Providers notified of final FTE adjustments arising from recruitment against maximum fundable limits, including the outcome of appeals.	English providers only

<sup>4</sup> For English providers only, see 'Regulatory advice 10: Accountable officers. Guidance for providers on the responsibilities of accountable officers' (OfS 2018.29), available at [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-10-accountable-officers-guidance-for-providers-on-the-responsibilities-of-accountable-officers/](http://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-10-accountable-officers-guidance-for-providers-on-the-responsibilities-of-accountable-officers/).

## Data preparation and submission

### Workbook release

19. Contacts in the medical and dental schools will be sent a copy of their provider's workbook via email in early October 2025. The blank MDS workbook is individually prepared for each provider and saved in Excel.
20. The name of the workbook will be MDS25XXXXXXXXX.xlsx (where XXXXXXXXX denotes the UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN)). Do not attempt to rename or reformat the workbook, as this will affect the ability of our systems to correctly load the return.
21. The Excel workbook contains the following four worksheets (see Annex B for examples):
  - a. Medical confirmed intake – Medical students intake during the academic year 2024-25
  - b. Medical initial intake – Medical students intake for the academic year 2025-26 as at 9 October 2025
  - c. Dental confirmed intake – Dental students intake during the academic year 2024-25
  - d. Dental initial intake – Dental students intake for the academic year 2025-26 as at 9 October 2025.
22. For providers in England there is an additional worksheet (see Annex C):
  - a. MDS25Summary – a read-only summary that shows for each MDS table:
    - the provider's maximum fundable limits and maximum overseas number
    - the reported apprenticeship intake for confirmed intakes and the reported maximum fundable limit 'exempt' intake for initial intakes
    - total intake (adjusted for apprenticeships for the initial intake and exemptions for the confirmed intake)
    - the number and percentage of overseas students from the reported intake.

This table will be populated automatically when data is entered in the survey tables (Medical confirmed intake, Medical initial intake, Dental confirmed intake and Dental initial intake).

### Workbook preparation

23. All totals, labels and table formats will be locked using Excel's cell protection facilities. Do not attempt to change the contents of the protected cells, or the structure of tables by adding or deleting any rows or columns. Only cells where data is required should be altered. If a password warning appears, this means a protected cell has been selected or an attempt made to 'paste' over a protected cell. Worksheets contain information critical to accurate loading of the data; it is essential that this is preserved. We will refuse to accept any workbooks which have been unprotected as we cannot be certain of our ability to load the data contained in them correctly. We are aware that certain software packages remove the saved passwords; please let us know if you think you may have removed the password in error in this way.

24. All worksheets in the original workbook should be returned even if they contain no data. This will be applicable for new medical schools that have no data for the 2024-25 academic year (although the Medical confirmed intake and Dental confirmed intake tables will usually be hidden for new medical schools). Providers should keep a back-up copy of the tables that they return to the OfS.

### **Workbook submission**

25. A provider's portal administrator can create an account for the MDS data contact and give them access to the survey area when it is live in October. Guidance for portal administrators can be found at: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/how-to-manage-your-portal-users/>.<sup>5</sup>
26. Once the data contact has access, the completed MDS workbook can be uploaded via the OfS portal. Once the data has successfully uploaded, a results package workbook can be retrieved which will contain the data in our systems that was previously uploaded.
27. A completed valid workbook must be uploaded to the OfS portal by **noon on Tuesday 21 October 2025**.
28. Please note that the portal usually sees heavy traffic on the days leading up to the deadline and this can cause the upload process to take longer than usual. Please note the following about the submission of MDS workbooks:
- a. Although it is possible to upload your survey to the portal at any time, you must have uploaded at least one submission after the census date.
  - b. It is possible to submit the workbook several times, but we will use only the version most recently uploaded.
29. In order not to breach data protection regulations, you must not submit the MDS workbook by email. Please use the OfS portal.

## **Post-submission (verification, amendments and sign-off)**

### **Data verification**

30. After the survey is successfully submitted to the OfS portal, providers should check the data in the results package to ensure that it is consistent with what has been submitted and that the data has been processed correctly.
31. The OfS will check the data for all providers against previous years' returns, and for providers in England against the maximum fundable limits set for the year. Any discrepancies will be queried with the provider (or, in the case of a joint submission, with the provider that has submitted the data).

### **Amending the data**

32. After the submission deadline you will be able to upload amended MDS workbooks to the portal. This facility can be used to address any errors discovered in the data.

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<sup>5</sup> Please note, the guidance for portal administrators will be updated throughout the year as additional portal functionality is added.



33. If you submit an amended workbook, you should also email us with explanations of the changes made. We will review the amended workbook; if we discover any issues with the data then we will email you to ask for additional information or to require a further amendment to be submitted. Only the most recent confirmed workbook will be used for funding purposes.
34. For providers in England, we cannot guarantee that any amendments to data after 10 November 2025 will be taken into account. For providers in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, any amendments to data would be subject to the agreement of the Scottish Funding Council, Medr (Wales's Commission for Tertiary Education and Research) or the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland, respectively.
35. We will only accept amendments after this point in exceptional circumstances, where errors are genuine, widespread, significant, and make a material difference to our use of the data. Amendments will be required to pass an assessment process, as described fully on our website.<sup>6</sup>

### Sign-off

36. When you upload an MDS workbook, you will be asked to confirm that the data submitted is correct and fit for purpose. We expect that you will have been issued with delegated authority within your provider to make this confirmation. We will also ask you to confirm that the data submitted has been reviewed with senior management and that the accountable officer for your provider is aware of the data uploaded and has agreed to it being signed off. This requires them to understand our data collection requirements, so that they can ensure that the provider has systems capable of producing an accurate, complete return and that the preparer of the return has compiled it competently.
37. The OfS requires all providers to sign off their MDS data as correct and fit for purpose by **Monday 10 November 2025**.
38. If an English provider fails to meet the deadline for signing off data, or we believe the data to be inaccurate, we reserve the right to use our own estimates of data to inform OfS funding allocations (see the Terms and conditions of funding).<sup>7</sup>
39. The OfS may use the student record returned to the designated data body (DDB) to monitor parts of the MDS return and will query providers if there are significant discrepancies.

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<sup>6</sup> See [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/amendments-to-data/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/amendments-to-data/).

<sup>7</sup> Available at [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/terms-and-conditions-of-funding-for-2024-25/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/terms-and-conditions-of-funding-for-2024-25/) (paragraph 22) and [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/terms-and-conditions-of-funding-for-2025-26/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/terms-and-conditions-of-funding-for-2025-26/) (paragraph 9).

# Definitions and guidance

## Coverage of tables

### What intakes are to be reported?

40. The intakes in all tables should be the headcount of students starting a programme that leads, on successful completion, to a first qualification that enables UK registration as a medical doctor or dentist (discounting those who already hold such a qualification). This:

- a. excludes students undertaking qualifications leading to registration with either the General Medical Council (GMC) or General Dental Council (GDC) under another profession
- b. includes students starting a 'graduate-entry course' (defined as one where the entry requirement is a first degree in a subject other than medicine or dentistry).
- c. includes students who are undertaking a medical doctor degree apprenticeship (see paragraphs 41 and 42).
- d. includes intakes for the 2025-26 academic year that are subject to an explicit exemption which has been granted by the DHSC (see paragraphs 44 and 45b).
- e. excludes intakes for the 2024-25 academic year and earlier that are subject to an explicit exemption which has been granted by the DHSC (see paragraphs 44 and 45a).

Students who join a programme in the second or later year should also be included, unless they are transferring (see paragraph 55) or already hold a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification. All students included in the MDS should be included in the individualised student record returned to the DDB for the relevant academic year.

### Medical Doctor Degree apprenticeships (for English providers only)

41. Medical doctor degree apprenticeships<sup>8</sup> are a new standard of programmes that were first announced in July 2022 by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) and the Department for Education.<sup>9</sup> This announcement included plans for some pilot programmes at a small number of English providers, which we expect to commence from 2024-25.

42. As such courses meet the criteria for inclusion set out in paragraph 40 above, providers delivering these programmes should include any intakes to such courses as part of their reported numbers on MDS. See also paragraphs 63 and 64.

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<sup>8</sup> Find the apprenticeship standard at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/doctor-degree-v1-0>.

<sup>9</sup> See <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/about/newshub/news-events/new-medical-doctor-degree-apprenticeship-launched-delivering-a-more-representative-workforce-for-local-communities/> and <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/news-blogs-events/news/new-medical-doctor-degree-apprenticeship-launched-delivering-more-representative-workforce-local>.

## International students

43. International students who are entering after the first year of a medical or dental programme and intend to complete their first UK registrable medical or dental qualification, resulting in full registration with the GMC or GDC, are to be reported as intakes. For example, students from the International Medical University of Malaysia joining year 3 should be included.

## Exemptions for international students

44. All international students are counted against a provider's maximum fundable limit unless the DHSC has granted an explicit exemption. Explicit exemptions set out approval to exclude specific cohorts of (typically international) students from being considered against a provider's maximum fundable limit. These exemptions are granted on a year-by-year basis by the DHSC in response to requests from providers.

45. Exempt students are treated in the MDS survey as follows:

- a. Up to the 2024-25 intake, students subject to an exemption are excluded from being counted in the MDS survey. This will still apply to the 2024-25 confirmed intake in MDS25.
- b. From the 2025-26 intake, such exempt students **should** be included in the MDS survey. Therefore, for MDS25 they should be reported as part of the 2025-26 initial intake numbers in columns 1 and 2 and reported as part of the column 3 'Intake of exempt students'. We will use the data reported in column 3 to ensure that such students are not counted against a provider's maximum fundable limit.

46. We will continue to engage with the DHSC to confirm and understand such exclusions.

## Dual qualifications

47. Where a student is studying for a medical or dental specialism that requires dual qualifications in both medicine and dentistry, such as oral and maxillofacial surgery, that student should only be reported for their first qualification. The intake on the second medical or dental programme and subsequent qualification should not be reported on this survey.

## Foundation years and gateway courses

48. Students on courses preceding a course leading to a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification (such as foundation 'year 0' or gateway courses) should not be included in the reported intake figures, until they start year 1 of a programme leading to a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification. Where providers have fully integrated programmes that include the equivalent of a 'year 0' foundation year as the first year of the programme, the student should be reported as an intake when they start year 1 of the programme leading to a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification, rather than in 'year 0'.

## Intercalating

49. Students who intend to take an intercalating non-medical or non-dental degree should be included as intakes when they first register with the provider where they intend to obtain a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification. This includes intakes to any six-year medical or dental programme that includes a non-medical or non-dental degree as part of the programme.

## **Census date for initial intakes**

50. For the Medical initial intake and Dental initial intake tables, intakes should be reported as at 9 October 2025. Additional intakes after 9 October 2025 but before the end of the academic year, who have not withdrawn before the end of the academic year, should be reported the following year.

## **Confirmed intakes**

51. Intakes reported on Medical confirmed intake and Dental confirmed intake on MDS25 are an update of the Medical initial intake and Dental initial intake collected on MDS24. Students who withdrew from the programme between 10 October 2024 and 31 July 2025 inclusive should be reported in column 3 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake, but not in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake on MDS25. Students who withdraw after the end of the 2024-25 academic year, 31 July 2025, should be reported in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake on MDS25.

## **Students who have withdrawn**

52. For the purposes of this survey, students are considered to have withdrawn when they cease studying towards a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification. A date recorded in the ENGENDDATE field on the student record returned to the DDB indicates that a student has withdrawn.

## **Transferring students**

53. Students who transfer to a programme that is not a first UK registrable medical or dental qualification should be reported as having withdrawn even if their ENGENDDATE field is blank.
54. Students who transfer from a programme leading to a first UK registrable medical qualification to a programme leading to the equivalent dental qualification, or vice versa, should be reported as withdrawn on the first programme and as an intake on the second.
55. Students transferring between medical programmes leading to a first UK registrable medical qualification should not be reported as intakes for the programme they transfer to, even when they change providers, unless they are transferring from a provider not subject to regulated intakes. Similarly, students transferring between dental programmes leading to a first UK registrable dental qualification should not be reported as intakes, unless they are transferring from a provider not subject to regulated intakes. However, students who transfer from a medical programme to a dental programme, or vice versa, should be reported as an intake for the programme they transfer to.

## **Students who suspend their studies**

56. Students who suspend their studies should only be reported as having withdrawn when they have a value in their ENGENDDATE field; otherwise they should be reported in the survey in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake on MDS25.

## **Row and column descriptions**

57. For all tables, student numbers should be reported by sex, fee eligibility and domicile.

## Sex

58. Sex should be recorded on the MDS as coded on the student record returned to the DDB field SEXID.

## Fee eligibility

59. For the purposes of this survey, Fee eligibility, as coded on the student record returned to the DDB for the relevant intake year, indicates whether a student is eligible to pay home or other fees.<sup>10</sup> Students entitled to be charged home fees are coded 01 in the fee eligibility field (FEEELIG) and those charged other fees are coded 02.<sup>11</sup>

## Domicile

60. Domicile columns refer to the country of the student's permanent or home address prior to entry to the programme. EU and overseas students are those not domiciled in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. For English providers, for the purposes of the caps on overseas medical intake and overseas dental intake, only intakes recorded as subject to 'other' fees in column 1d will be counted.

## Columns

### Column 2 (Graduate entry)

61. Column 2 on all tables records students on a graduate-entry course. Students entered in this column should also be included in columns 1a to 1d on each table as appropriate.

### Confirmed intake column 3 (Withdrawn intakes)

62. Column 3 on the Medical confirmed intake and Dental confirmed intake tables records intakes who have withdrawn from the programme between 10 October 2024 and 31 July 2025 inclusive, by fee eligibility. Intakes who have withdrawn from the programme by 31 July 2025 should be reported in column 3 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake on MDS25 and not included in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake on MDS25.

### Initial intake column 3 (Intake of 'exempt' students)

63. Column 3 on the Medical initial intake and Dental initial intake tables records intakes of students who are either on an apprenticeship programme or subject to an explicit exemption from the DHSC. Students entered in this column should also be included in columns 1a to 1d on each table as appropriate.

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<sup>10</sup> We note that changes to the legislation that apply to providers in England from 1 August 2024 could affect the fee eligibility status of a student between years. In particular, the assessment of the 'settled' immigration status of a student should be made on the first day of each academic year (whereas previously this was only undertaken at the start of the course). However, we expect students to be recorded on MDS in line with their fee eligibility for their 'intake year'. This means that students should not change fee eligibility between how it was reported for an 'Initial intake' to how it is reported for a 'Confirmed intake'.

<sup>11</sup> For providers in Scotland, students considered home fees are those coded as either 01 (Home tuition fees (Scotland and other EU)) or 02 (Rest of UK tuition fees) in the fee status field (FEESTATUS) and students considered other fees are those coded 03.

## Medical confirmed intake column 4 (Apprenticeship courses)

64. Column 4 on the Medical confirmed intake table records students on an apprenticeship programme. Students entered in this column should also be included in columns 1a to 1d on this table as appropriate.

## Examples

### Example 1: Registration, withdrawal

46. A student started a first UK registrable medical programme on 3 October 2024 but suspended studies on 6 January 2025. They notified the provider on 20 June 2025 that they do not intend to return and an ENGENDDATE was recorded in the 2024-25 student record returned to the DDB. As the student has withdrawn from the first UK registrable medical programme by 31 July 2025, they should be reported in column 3 and not in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake on MDS25.

### Example 2: Transfer to a programme that is not a first UK registrable medical or dental programme

47. A student started a first UK registrable medical programme on 3 October 2024 but transferred to a biosciences degree on 6 January 2025. As the student had withdrawn from the first UK registrable medical programme by 31 July 2025, they should be reported in column 3 and not in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake on MDS25.

### Example 3: Transfer from a medical to a dental programme

48. A student started a first UK registrable medical programme on 3 October 2024 but on 6 January 2025 transferred to a first UK registrable dental programme. As the student had withdrawn from the first UK registrable medical programme by 31 July 2025, they should be reported in column 3 and not in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake on MDS25. However, as they started a first UK registrable dental qualification programme on 6 January 2025, they should be included as an intake in column 1 of Dental confirmed intake on MDS25.

#### **Example 4: Student retaking year 1**

49. A student started a first UK registrable medical programme on 3 October 2024. On 3 October 2025 they return to retake year 1 of the first UK registrable medical programme:
- If the student withdrew (or was withdrawn) during 2024-25, they should be reported in column 3 and not column 1 of Medical confirmed intake on MDS25.
  - If the student is retaking year 1 for any other reason, they should be reported in column 1 of Medical confirmed intake on MDS25.
50. In both these cases, the student should not be reported in the Medical initial intake table on MDS25 (as they would have been reported against the intake year in MDS24).

#### **Example 5: Student who gains settled status between intake year and following year**

51. An overseas student started a first UK registrable medical programme on 3 October 2024. They were reported as 'Other fees' in the relevant column of 1a to 1d of the Medical initial intake on MDS25
52. On 1 August 2025 the student gained settled status, granting them eligibility for home fees. However, this student should still be reported as 'Other fees' in the relevant column of 1a to 1d of the Medical confirmed intake on MDS25, as that was their fee eligibility status for their intake year of 2024-25.

# Annex A: Higher education providers with joint medical schools

## Joint medical schools

We expect the following higher education providers with joint medical schools to submit a medical return this year:

- University of Brighton and University of Sussex
- University of Hull and University of York
- University of Kent and Canterbury Christchurch University.

There should be a single joint return from each joint medical school.

## Other collaborative arrangements

We also expect the following higher education providers with collaborative arrangements around their medical provision to submit a joint medical return from the lead medical school this year:

- University of Nottingham<sup>12</sup> and University of Lincoln
- King's College London<sup>13</sup> and University of Portsmouth.
- Imperial College London<sup>14</sup> and University of Cumbria.

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<sup>12</sup> For the University of Nottingham, the collaborative provision at Lincoln should be reported in a separate return to their own medical provision.

<sup>13</sup> For the King's College London, the collaborative provision at Portsmouth should be reported in a separate return to their own medical provision.

<sup>14</sup> For the Imperial College London, the collaborative provision at Cumbria should be reported in a separate return to their own medical provision.



## Annex B: Examples of tables

This annex provides examples of tables Medical confirmed intake, Medical initial intake, Dental confirmed intake and Dental initial intake, which appear in the Excel workbook for the MDS25.

## Medical confirmed intake

The figure below shows the table used to collect data on the Medical students intake during the academic year 2024-25.

### Figure 1: Medical confirmed intake table

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# Medical initial intake

The figure below shows the table used to collect data on the Medical students intake for the academic year 2025-26 as at 9 October 2025.

Figure 2: Medical initial intake table

Headcount of the initial intake of medical students in the 2025-26 academic year																	
Provider name																	
Validation checks are shown below the table. Any cells that fail a validation check will be shown in red.																	
Expected maximum intake:																	
	Column 1 Total intake of students not withdrawn from the programme			Column 1a Domiciled in Great Britain			Column 1b Domiciled in Northern Ireland			Column 1c Domiciled in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man			Column 1d Domiciled in EU and overseas			Column 2 Intake to 'graduate entry courses (included in Column 1)	Column 3 Intake of students exempt from Maximum Fundable Limit (included in column 1) England only
Fee eligibility	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other		
Home fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Dental confirmed intake

The figure below shows the table used to collect data on the Dental students intake during the academic year 2024-25.

Figure 3: Dental confirmed intake table

Headcount of the confirmed intake of dental students in the 2024-25 academic year																
Provider name																
Validation checks are shown below the table. Any cells that fail a validation check will be shown in red.																
Expected maximum intake:																
Fee eligibility	Column 1 Total intake of students not withdrawn from the programme			Column 1a Domiciled in Great Britain			Column 1b Domiciled in Northern Ireland			Column 1c Domiciled in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man			Column 1d Domiciled in EU and overseas			Column 2 Intake to 'graduate entry' courses (included in Column 1)
	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Column 3 Intake of students withdrawn from the programme (not included in Column 1)
Home fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Dental initial intake

The figure below shows the table used to collect data on the Dental students intake for the academic year 2025-26 as at 9 October 2025.

Figure 4: Dental initial intake table

Headcount of the initial intake of dental students in the 2025-26 academic year																	
Provider name																	
Validation checks are shown below the table. Any cells that fail a validation check will be shown in red.																	
Expected maximum intake:																	
	Column 1 Total intake of students not withdrawn from the programme			Column 1a Domiciled in Great Britain			Column 1b Domiciled in Northern Ireland			Column 1c Domiciled in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man			Column 1d Domiciled in EU and overseas			Column 2 Intake to 'graduate entry' courses (included in Column 1)	Column 3 Intake of students exempt from Maximum Fundable Limit (included in column 1) England only
Fee eligibility	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other	Male	Female	Other		
Home fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Annex C: Example summary table (providers in England only)

This annex provides an example of the MDS25\_Summary table, which appears in the Excel workbook for the MDS25 for providers in England only.

<b>Medical and Dental Students survey 2025 summary</b> <b>Provider name</b>  This summary is for information only and the OfS will notify providers of any adjustments to grant arising from over-recruitment later this year. Table A is populated with information taken from the Medical confirmed intake and Dental confirmed intake worksheets in MDS25. Table B is populated with information taken from the Medical initial intake and Dental initial intake worksheets in MDS25. For both tables 'Overseas intake' is the total number of students returned as domiciled EU and overseas (Column 1d) subject to other fees. For both tables 'Percentage overseas' is 'Overseas intake' expressed as a percentage of 'Total intake'. This worksheet contains two tables separated vertically by one blank row.						
<b>Table A: 2024-25 Confirmed intakes</b> For this table 'Total intake' is the sum of Columns 1 and 3 of Medical confirmed intake or Dental confirmed intake.						
	2024-25 Expected maximum intake	Of which anticipated overseas numbers	Apprenticeship intake	Total intake	Overseas intake	Percentage overseas
Medical confirmed intake	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Dental confirmed intake	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Table B: 2025-26 Initial intakes</b> For this table 'Total intake' is the sum of Column 1 of Medical initial intake or Dental initial intake.						
	2025-26 Expected maximum intake	Of which anticipated overseas numbers	Maximum Fundable Limit exempted intake	Total intake	Overseas intake	Percentage overseas
Medical initial intake	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Dental initial intake	0	0	0	0	0	0%

# Abbreviations

Table 2: Explanation of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Explanation
DDB	Designated data body
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GDC	General Dental Council
GMC	General Medical Council
MDS	Medical and Dental Students survey
Medr	Medr, Wales's Commission for Tertiary Education and Research, replaced HEFCW (Higher Education Funding Council for Wales) from 1 August 2024
NHSE or NHS England	National Health Service England
OfS	Office for Students
UKPRN	UK Provider Reference Number



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